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Price

The Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board railgrade price for **A1,2 Steers** in Saskatchewan averaged $132.53 per cwt. during 1986 - $0.76 per cwt. higher than the 1985 average of $131.77 per cwt. Railgrade prices bottomed out in June at $120.13 per cwt. and peaked in November at $145.22.

The 1986 average price for **600-700 lb. Graded Feeder Steers** was $90.90 per cwt., up $7.35 per cwt. from the 1985 average of $83.55 per cwt. Feeder steer prices were in the mid to high 80's through July and ended the year at $99.70 per cwt.

Marketings

Marketings of **cattle and calves** through Saskatchewan auction markets, packing plants and abattoirs decreased 4 percent to 1 040 610 head. The decrease in marketings was a reflection of a decrease in inventory levels in 1986 as well as increased feeding in the province.

Slaughter Cattle Marketings

The number of cattle marketed for slaughter during 1986 decreased 4 percent to 405 680 head. Marketings of slaughter steers were up 20% to 181 410 head and slaughter cow marketings were down 27% to 103 170 head. Heifer marketings were unchanged at 98 080 thousand head.

Of the 405 680 head marketed for slaughter, 265 040 head were slaughtered in Saskatchewan. In 1985, Saskatchewan plants slaughtered 274 440 head of cattle and calves. The number of cattle slaughtered outside the province declined 10 percent in 1986 to 140 640 head.

Feeder Cattle Marketings

Saskatchewan producers marketed 634 930 feeder cattle and calves in 1986 - down 4 percent from 1985 marketings.

Of the total feeder marketings, 318 930 head (50 percent) remained in the province compared to 234 870 head in 1985 (36 percent of 1985 feeder cattle marketings). Feeder cattle exports to other provinces and the U.S.A. decreased 25 percent to 316 000 head. Exports of cattle and calves to the U.S. fell to traditional levels.

Interprovincial exports of feeder cattle to Alberta declined 12 980 head, (9 percent), while shipments to Ontario declined 52 440 head (27 percent) from 1985 shipments.

Exports of feeder steers decreased 23% to 183 250 head and exports of heifers were down 28% to 127 440. Exports of steer calves were down 30%

Sources of information contained in this report include:

Agriculture Canada
Statistics Canada
Saskatchewan Agriculture
Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board

Table 1 Saskatchewan Cattle Marketings, 1985-86

Slaughter Cattle	1986	1985	% 86/85
steers	181 410	150 720	120
heifers	98 080	98 240	100
cows	103 170	141 500	73
bulls	20 980	28 890	73
calves	2 040	2 630	78
total	405 680	421 980	96
Feeder Cattle			
steers	358 250	365 100	98
over 800 lbs.	68 450	47 900	143
600 - 800 lbs.	117 900	113 280	104
under 600 lbs.	171 900	203 920	84
heifers	253 690	270 380	94
over 700 lbs.	59 980	47 870	125
500 - 700 lbs.	108 340	119 300	91
under 500 lbs.	85 370	103 210	83
cows	18 790	18 310	103
bulls	4 200	4 640	91
total	634 930	658 430	96
Total Cattle and Calves	**1 040 610**	**1 080 410**	**96**

Table 2 Origin of Cattle Marketed, Saskatchewan, 1985-86

crop district	steers	heifers	cows	bulls	calves	unspec. cattle	total 1986	total 1985
1a	20 250	14 060	6 730	1 520	2 140	1 040	45 740	50 750
1b	27 600	19 850	7 160	1 770	1 270	700	58 350	56 380
2a	8 200	6 120	3 480	770	1 340	380	20 290	24 870
2b	17 030	16 780	5 550	1 860	2 770	380	44 370	47 720
3as	17 490	13 230	7 040	1 400	10 180	2 310	51 650	64 270
3an	9 290	7 710	3 860	820	7 060	700	29 440	31 750
3bs	12 530	8 890	5 140	700	4 700	1 530	33 490	39 790
3bn	16 600	13 750	7 320	1 140	6 920	1 780	47 510	48 780
4a	29 260	21 320	9 840	1 410	7 000	680	69 510	77 810
4b	13 680	10 810	4 380	660	4 360	840	34 730	36 890
5a	38 230	26 430	9 560	2 690	1 270	430	78 610	75 580
5b	29 150	20 180	8 530	1 910	1 320	730	61 820	61 090
6a	35 210	14 650	5 730	1 650	2 550	600	60 390	60 210
6b	31 310	20 640	9 660	2 320	5 940	1 340	71 210	63 880
7a	9 920	8 420	3 030	710	2 890	2 270	27 240	27 850
7b	16 840	12 060	6 130	1 190	7 160	2 270	45 650	45 300
8a	13 480	8 500	3 640	700	860	260	27 440	24 960
8b	13 250	7 300	3 040	840	780	280	25 490	25 700
9a	41 580	28 670	11 100	2 060	2 300	710	86 420	88 010
9b	47 470	29 560	11 930	2 490	12 150	2 510	106 110	105 170
Saskatchewan	**448 370**	**308 930**	**132 850**	**28 610**	**84 960**	**21 740**	**1 025 460**	**1 056 760**
Other Prov.	6 770	3 990	3 450	460	280	200	15 150	23 650
total - 1986	**455 140**	**312 920**	**136 300**	**29 070**	**85 240**	**21 940**	**1 040 610**	
total - 1985	**426 740**	**317 240**	**182 360**	**35 190**	**98 070**	**20 810**		**1 080 410**

Table 3 Destination of Saskatchewan Cattle Marketed, 1985-86

Destination	number of slaughter cattle		number of feeder cattle	
	1986	1985	1986	1985
Saskatchewan	265 040	274 440	318 930	234 870
Exports	140 640	147 540	316 000	423 560
Alberta	10 810	13 350	137 220	150 200
Manitoba	109 810	112 480	24 880	22 340
Ontario	8 470	3 310	145 190	197 630
Other Prov.	40	380	7 230	10 740
U.S.A.	11 510	18 020	1 480	42 650
Total	405 680	421 980	634 930	658 430

Table 4 Destination of Saskatchewan Cattle Marketed for Slaughter, 1985-86

Destination	total slaughter		bulls		cows	
	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985
Saskatchewan	265 040	274 440	10 260	15 090	76 070	94 510
Exports	140 640	147 540	10 720	13 800	27 100	46 990
Alberta	10 810	13 350	200	660	3 260	4 880
Manitoba	109 810	112 480	2 470	5 020	20 660	32 370
Ontario	8 470	3 310	30	80	270	320
Other Prov.	40	380	-	-	-	-
U.S.A.	11 510	18 020	8 020	8 040	2 910	9 420
Total	405 680	421 980	20 980	28 890	103 170	141 500

Destination	steers		heifers		calves	
	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985
Saskatchewan	115 430	99 910	61 870	63 540	1 410	1 390
Exports	65 980	50 810	36 210	34 700	630	1 240
Alberta	4 350	4 180	2 990	3 610	10	20
Manitoba	56 850	45 270	29 320	29 190	510	630
Ontario	4 600	940	3 460	1 420	110	550
Other Prov.	-	110	40	270	-	-
U.S.A.	180	310	400	210	-	40
Total	181 410	150 720	98 080	98 240	2 040	2 630

Table 5 Destination of Saskatchewan Feeder Cattle Marketings, 1985-86

Destination	total feeders 1986	total feeders 1985	bulls 1986	bulls 1985	cows 1986	cows 1985
Saskatchewan	**318 930**	**234 870**	**2 800**	**2 200**	**14 880**	**12 180**
Exports	316 000	423 560	1 400	2 440	3 910	6 130
Alberta	137 220	150 200	870	1 880	2 530	4 400
Manitoba	24 880	22 340	410	240	1 150	1 090
Ontario	145 190	197 630	110	230	180	530
Other Prov.	7 230	10 740	-	-	50	-
U.S.A.	1 480	42 650	10	90	-	110
Total	634 930	658 430	4 200	4 640	18 790	18 310

Destination	total steers 1986	total steers 1985	over 800 lbs. 1986	over 800 lbs. 1985	600-800 lbs. 1986	600-800 lbs. 1985	under 600 lbs. 1986	under 600 lbs. 1985
Saskatchewan	**175 000**	**126 840**	**37 390**	**18 200**	**55 790**	**34 290**	**81 820**	**74 350**
Exports	183 250	238 260	31 060	29 700	62 110	78 990	90 080	129 570
Alberta	77 460	81 140	22 600	19 550	30 780	33 340	24 080	28 250
Manitoba	14 150	12 720	2 520	1 960	5 140	4 430	6 490	6 330
Ontario	83 630	109 970	4 510	5 990	21 400	25 800	57 720	78 180
Other Prov.	6 890	9 970	1 380	1 380	4 460	4 350	1 050	4 240
U.S.A.	1 120	24 460	50	820	330	11 070	740	12 570
Total	358 250	365 100	68 450	47 900	117 900	113 280	171 900	203 920

Destination	total heifers 1986	total heifers 1985	over 700 lbs. 1986	over 700 lbs. 1985	500-700 lbs. 1986	500-700 lbs. 1985	under 500 lbs. 1986	under 500 lbs. 1985
Saskatchewan	**126 250**	**93 650**	**26 650**	**16 430**	**53 790**	**36 460**	**45 810**	**40 760**
Exports	127 440	176 730	33 330	31 440	54 550	82 840	39 560	62 450
Alberta	56 360	62 780	19 420	18 600	22 470	28 970	14 470	15 210
Manitoba	9 170	8 290	3 270	2 040	3 850	3 670	2 050	2 580
Ontario	61 270	86 900	10 380	8 780	28 050	39 720	22 840	38 400
Other Prov.	290	770	210	430	80	340	-	-
U.S.A.	350	17 990	50	1 590	100	10 140	200	6 260
Total	253 690	270 380	59 980	47 870	108 340	119 300	85 370	103 210

Table 6 Saskatchewan Cattle Marketed for Slaughter, Monthly, 1985-86

	total slaughter		bulls		cows	
	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985
January	38 470	40 920	1 690	1 480	14 130	17 190
February	32 990	33 290	1 050	1 320	11 210	12 290
March	33 480	36 810	1 680	1 580	9 000	11 680
April	27 130	25 800	1 650	1 800	5 490	8 300
May	27 300	27 430	1 410	1 530	5 360	8 230
June	41 910	37 700	1 910	1 990	8 410	10 780
July	38 130	35 850	2 270	2 490	7 050	10 150
August	33 980	34 160	1 860	2 850	5 810	8 080
September	39 200	37 980	2 240	2 580	7 820	9 040
October	27 470	32 310	2 040	2 660	7 200	13 000
November	30 250	33 510	2 190	2 360	10 180	14 910
December	35 370	46 220	990	6 250	11 510	17 850
Year	**405 680**	**421 980**	**20 980**	**28 890**	**103 170**	**141 500**

	steers		heifers		calves	
	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985
January	12 470	12 130	10 050	9 910	130	210
February	12 270	10 750	8 360	8 740	100	190
March	13 010	14 080	9 370	9 270	420	200
April	12 630	10 020	7 260	5 560	100	120
May	13 070	10 350	7 400	7 150	60	170
June	20 330	14 610	11 150	10 200	110	120
July	19 230	14 130	9 510	8 770	70	310
August	17 630	14 780	8 620	8 230	60	220
September	20 980	17 500	8 020	8 600	140	260
October	13 170	10 570	4 930	5 850	130	230
November	11 470	9 480	6 180	6 450	230	310
December	15 150	12 320	7 230	9 510	490	290
Year	**181 410**	**150 720**	**98 080**	**98 240**	**2 040**	**2 630**

Table 7 Saskatchewan Feeder Cattle Marketings, Monthly, 1985-86

	total feeders		cows		bulls	
	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985
January	44 610	70 080	1 260	2 300	250	240
February	33 120	44 710	560	960	150	190
March	46 480	58 910	490	440	200	430
April	63 480	57 540	830	660	430	690
May	26 090	32 490	580	780	260	390
June	18 680	18 760	740	990	310	470
July	16 040	17 280	490	490	420	430
August	22 350	17 140	330	450	310	310
September	65 530	40 800	1 470	560	420	230
October	135 420	134 480	3 260	2 230	520	460
November	128 810	125 050	5 480	5 310	630	530
December	34 320	41 190	3 300	3 140	300	270
Year	**634 930**	**658 430**	**18 790**	**18 310**	**4 200**	**4 640**

Table 8 Saskatchewan Feeder Steer Marketings, Monthly, 1985-86

	total steers		over 800 lbs.	
	1986	1985	1986	1985
January	24 740	38 800	2 960	3 440
February	19 290	24 020	2 600	2 620
March	26 350	32 830	4 280	3 140
April	34 170	28 950	6 440	2 330
May	13 860	17 210	4 070	2 940
June	10 070	9 120	4 150	2 950
July	9 260	8 340	4 890	2 670
August	13 450	10 260	7 140	3 700
September	37 230	24 410	14 510	9 590
October	78 750	78 070	9 620	8 150
November	74 050	70 790	5 830	4 230
December	17 030	22 300	1 960	2 140
Year	**358 250**	**365 100**	**68 450**	**47 900**

	600-800 lbs.		under 600 lbs.	
	1986	1985	1986	1985
January	11 930	13 160	9 850	22 200
February	10 650	9 630	6 040	11 770
March	14 200	16 630	7 870	13 060
April	16 680	12 960	11 050	13 660
May	6 590	7 410	3 200	6 860
June	4 170	3 790	1 750	2 380
July	3 240	3 040	1 130	2 630
August	4 510	4 430	1 800	2 130
September	11 510	9 130	11 210	5 690
October	15 130	14 090	54 000	55 830
November	14 590	13 610	53 630	52 950
December	4 700	5 400	10 370	14 760
Year	**117 900**	**113 280**	**171 900**	**203 920**

Table 9 Saskatchewan Feeder Heifer Marketings, Monthly, 1985-86

	total heifers		over 700 lbs.	
	1986	1985	1986	1985
January	18 360	28 740	2 850	3 500
February	13 120	19 540	2 640	2 170
March	19 440	25 210	3 100	3 200
April	28 050	27 240	5 360	3 380
May	11 390	14 110	3 010	3 150
June	7 560	8 180	3 170	3 080
July	5 870	8 020	3 030	3 120
August	8 260	6 120	4 470	2 260
September	26 410	15 600	13 340	7 600
October	52 890	53 720	8 730	8 860
November	48 650	48 420	6 580	5 120
December	13 690	15 480	3 700	2 430
Year	**253 690**	**270 380**	**59 980**	**47 870**

	500-700 lbs.		under 500 lbs.	
	1986	1985	1986	1985
January	10 570	14 950	4 940	10 290
February	7 920	11 400	2 560	5 970
March	13 070	15 740	3 270	6 270
April	17 490	16 380	5 200	7 480
May	6 730	8 110	1 650	2 850
June	3 670	4 030	720	1 070
July	2 440	3 650	400	1 250
August	3 090	2 650	700	1 210
September	7 510	4 650	5 560	3 350
October	15 480	14 370	28 680	30 490
November	15 350	16 930	26 720	26 370
December	5 020	6 440	4 970	6 610
Year	**108 340**	**119 300**	**85 370**	**103 210**

Table 10 Saskatchewan Cattle Marketings, 1976-86

	slaughter	feeders	
		total	exports
1986	405 680	634 930	316 000
1985	421 980	658 430	423 560
1984	449 940	701 290	466 040
1983	402 890	665 270	420 080
1982	434 710	716 350	502 640
1981	340 630	706 160	486 280
1980	334 900	882 770	643 910
1979	308 570	801 930	536 810
1978	421 640	938 920	662 110
1977	561 890	943 110	658 920
1976	605 030	752 910	548 110

Table 11 Monthly Average Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board, A1,2 Steer Price, - 1982-86

	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
		dollars per cwt. railgrade			
January	134.80	142.73	136.59	119.37	115.24
February	128.49	137.28	136.48	122.91	119.84
March	129.62	139.29	138.18	126.20	123.06
April	127.71	138.62	141.79	137.05	136.97
May	128.37	137.32	140.96	136.48	148.31
June	120.13	130.72	131.91	130.27	143.58
July	129.22	120.56	134.08	122.27	133.42
August	132.03	117.52	129.68	121.28	127.46
September	139.30	123.22	128.89	118.82	126.35
October	142.85	135.80	130.79	122.90	123.57
November	145.22	141.42	139.37	123.32	124.10
December	141.73	142.28	144.33	129.56	118.55
Year	132.53	131.77	135.16	124.79	128.22

Table 12 Monthly Average Price for A1,2 Steers (1000 lbs. & over), 1986

	Northern Saskatchewan	Southern Saskatchewan	Edmonton	Winnipeg	Toronto
			$/cwt.		
January	73.17	-	73.42	76.57	84.85
February	70.81	-	70.58	73.85	82.76
March	71.19	-	70.53	72.42	81.09
April	71.06	73.00	68.45	72.09	79.53
May	72.56	71.00	69.98	73.28	79.73
June	70.13	-	70.77	72.60	77.92
July	74.00	72.50	72.89	74.63	81.49
August	75.81	-	73.13	76.49	83.22
September	77.30	77.50	76.97	80.47	84.08
October	79.00	79.00	76.52	81.11	84.30
November	81.08	80.69	75.60	82.26	88.22
December	77.00	79.33	75.73	81.23	89.45
1986	**74.10**	**77.79**	**72.47**	**76.62**	**82.66**
1985	74.32	72.96	72.79	76.34	81.63
1984	76.32	75.86	74.96	77.67	85.30
1983	70.50	70.29	71.43	72.50	78.98
1982	73.27	73.00	71.59	75.17	80.54
1981	74.83	73.57	72.99	76.37	80.00
1980	74.28	74.71	74.54	76.06	80.74
1979	75.50	74.48	75.42	76.11	80.23
1978	56.54	56.54	56.42	58.01	62.07
1977	39.83	38.70	38.18	39.89	44.50
1976	38.09	38.41	37.25	39.25	41.89

Source: Agriculture Canada Livestock Market Review

Table 13 Average Price for 600-700 lb. Graded Feeder Steers, 1986

	Northern Saskatchewan	Southern Saskatchewan	Edmonton	Winnipeg	Toronto
			$/cwt.		
January	88.92	86.67	83.42	80.74	82.96
February	86.94	86.75	83.60	80.43	85.42
March	86.25	86.20	82.35	83.75	87.76
April	87.81	87.75	80.73	82.41	84.84
May	87.19	88.50	83.74	79.49	90.48
June	87.25	87.40	86.37	79.88	88.59
July	85.13	87.38	85.78	79.86	89.69
August	90.38	93.00	92.49	82.30	91.04
September	95.60	93.00	89.94	87.41	93.24
October	97.75	96.50	97.26	88.46	91.11
November	98.06	96.25	92.68	88.32	90.74
December	100.65	98.75	92.65	88.69	94.23
1986	**91.15**	**90.65**	**87.94**	**84.29**	**89.85**
1985	83.20	83.90	81.33	79.87	84.91
1984	81.75	81.84	80.40	79.17	84.27
1983	79.24	78.96	78.44	76.65	82.08
1982	74.78	73.38	73.97	72.68	77.24
1981	77.32	78.42	76.41	74.50	78.64
1980	83.75	83.90	82.89	81.61	83.18
1979	99.05	103.65	100.29	93.02	95.36
1978	63.31	63.65	65.27	60.72	66.86
1977	38.09	38.15	38.92	38.16	43.31
1976	37.58	37.56	36.27	35.56	41.70

Source: Agriculture Canada Livestock Market Review

Table 14 Saskatchewan Cattle Prices, 1985-86

	Northern Saskatchewan		Southern Saskatchewan	
	1986	1985	1986	1985
	dollars per cwt.			
Slaughter Cattle				
Steers				
A1,2, 1000 lbs.+	74.10	74.32	77.79	72.96
A1,2, -1000 lbs.	-	64.80	76.00	71.75
A3,4	-	-	-	-
B & C	-	-	-	-
Heifers				
A1,2, 850 lbs.+	70.22	70.39	73.58	69.09
A1,2, -850 lbs.	-	67.65	-	-
A3,4	-	-	-	-
B & C	-	-	-	-
Cows				
D1,2	49.79	49.01	48.65	48.06
D3,5	46.71	45.44	44.60	43.33
D4	-	-	-	42.75
Bulls	61.92	60.15	61.30	60.52
Slaughter Cattle	**59.97**	**59.68**	**54.89**	**56.17**
Feeder Cattle				
Graded Steers				
+900 lbs.	79.17		79.28	
800 - 900 lbs.	82.52	78.22	82.50	77.82
700 - 800 lbs.	86.08	80.42	85.88	80.56
600 - 700 lbs.	91.15	83.20	90.65	83.90
Off Type Steers 600 lbs.	-	68.80	-	68.57
Graded Heifers				
+800 lbs.	75.04		73.91	
700 - 800 lbs.	78.22	73.19	77.76	72.44
600 - 700 lbs.	81.13	74.85	81.76	75.67
500 - 600 lbs.	85.37	76.37	86.50	77.98
Off Type Heifers 500 lbs.	-	64.95	-	65.36
Cows	49.76	45.98	51.11	49.24
Feeder Calves				
Graded Steers				
500 - 600 lbs.	97.08	85.29	96.31	87.41
400 - 500 lbs.	99.95	86.60	100.39	89.48
-400 lbs.	104.58	85.33	112.33	89.25
Off Type Steers 600 lbs.	-	72.58	-	76.62
Graded Heifers				
400 - 500 lbs.	86.63	76.69	89.44	79.22
300 - 400 lbs.	91.45	77.13	97.75	78.69
-300 lbs.	-	-	-	-
Off Type Heifers 500 lbs.	-	66.71	-	69.04
Feeder Cattle and Calves	**81.39**	**74.26**	**82.07**	**75.71**

Source: Agriculture Canada Livestock Market Review

Table 15 Cattle and Calves on Farms, 1981-87

July 1	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981
			thousand head			
Canada						
total cattle	11 464.7	11 733.4	12 284.2	12 637.7	13 053.9	13 364.5
Saskatchewan						
total cattle	**2 085**	**2 080**	**2 234**	**2 275**	**2 350**	**2 401**
bulls	47	47	52	53	54	55
cows	845	858	915	935	972	1 031
beef	765	775	830	850	886	946
milk	80	83	85	85	86	85
heifers	251	240	267	268	281	265
beef	228	216	242	243	255	241
replacement	140	130	146	145	150	154
slaughter	88	86	96	98	105	87
dairy	23	24	25	25	26	24
steers	190	185	198	198	210	176
calves	752	750	802	821	833	874

January 1	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
			thousand head			
Canada						
total cattle	10 492.7	10 590.7	10 979.9	11 360.1	11 663.4	12 088
Saskatchewan						
total cattle	**1 790**	**1 745**	**1 800**	**1 917**	**1 925**	**2 035**
bulls	38	37	38	40	40	40
cows	844	837	869	914	926	1 004
beef	765	760	785	830	840	916
milk	79	77	84	84	86	88
heifers	187	171	178	183	183	185
beef	170	154	160	165	165	166.5
replacement	125	111	116	120	118	120
slaughter	45	43	44	45	47	46.5
dairy	17	17	18	18	18	18.5
steers	126	110	128	135	131	127
calves	595	590	587	645	645	679

Source: Statistics Canada

Average Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board A1,2 Steer Price